

Record of Resolution

Resolution No.: 2012-06

Passed: March 12, 2012

A RESOLUTION NOTIFYING GOVERNOR KASICH, STATE SENATOR BALDERSON, AND STATE REPRESENTATIVE HILL THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS NEED TO CONTINUE TO CONTROL AND ADMINISTER THE COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL INCOME TAXES:

WHEREAS, during the recent discussion regarding the State Biennial Budget Bill (HB 153) it was suggested that the Ohio Department of Taxation take over the collection of municipal income taxes; and

WHEREAS, although the current pending legislation does not contain any provision for the State to take control of municipal income taxes, the legislation may be amended at any time; and

WHEREAS, income tax is the largest source of revenue for most municipalities and any disruption or interference with the current collection process will be harmful to the financial operations; and

WHEREAS, the prospect of State control of municipal income tax collection presents numerous administrative difficulties including, but not limited to how the State will administer local tax ordinances; how retention of and access to tax records will be handled; the timing and frequency of distribution of collected revenues to municipalities; the reporting of tax collections to municipalities; and impacted of planned budget and staffing cuts on the Ohio Department of Taxation's ability to undertake and properly perform such significant new responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of sweeping reductions in the Local Government Fund, municipalities cannot afford another potential loss in revenue, and

WHEREAS, through the local administration of municipal income tax collections, the Village is able to provide exemplary customer service including, but not limited to walk-assistance preparing individual income tax returns; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of West Lafayette, Coshocton County Ohio that:

Section 1: This Council does hereby declare its strong opposition to any effort by the State of Ohio to take over the collection of municipal income taxes in Ohio; and urges its state legislators to reject and oppose any amendment to pending bills or introduction of new legislation that proposes to transfer collection and/or control of municipal income taxes to the State of Ohio Department of Taxation.

Section 2: The Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized and directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to State Representative Brian Hill, State Senator Troy Balderson, and Governor John Kasich.

WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

First Reading: _____ Date

Second Reading: _____ Date

Third Reading: _____ Date

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS ____ day of _____ 2012

Jack L. Patterson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa M. Stiteler, Fiscal Officer